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FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

The Pearl River Baptist Association met in its Sixty-Seventh Annual Session, with the Baptist Church at Society Hill, Lawrence county, Miss.

The Association met pursuant to appointment; hymn No. 260 was sung: "I love thy Kingdom, Lord."

Prayer was offered by Rev. R. J. Boone.

The Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

Brethren J. R. Carter and D. A. Scarborough were appointed Reading Clerks.

Brethren T. R. Beard and W. V. Jones were appointed as a Committee on Finance.

The letters from the churches were read, and the names of the delegates entered on the minutes.

On motion, the present officers were elected by acclamation, viz: Elder R. R. Turnage, Moderator, J. D. Burkett, Treasurer, and W. J. Armstrong, Clerk.

Visiting ministers present were invited to seats in the Association.

The Association then adjourned to attend the preaching of the Introductory Sermon, which was preached by Elder R. R. Turnage: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

After a short intermissionthe delegates assembled in the house. Prayer was offered by Elder W. H. Davis. The Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

The following named brethren were appointed as a Committee on Preaching: J. W. Cox, S. E. Bass and deacons of Society Hill Church.

Correspondence Received:

From Bogue Chitto Association—Elders B. A. Crawford, J. L. Chandler, R. J. Boone and Brother John Woolly, as messengers. No letter or minutes.

From the Fair River Association—A letter by her messengers, J. M. Ritchey and J. W. Ross.

From the Magee's Creek Association—A letter by her messengers, T. B. Fortinberry and W. H. Moore.

From the Pearl Leaf Association—A letter by her messenger, J. W. Cox.

The hand of welcome was extended to the messengers by the Moderator in behalf of the Association.

Arranged Correspondence.

To the Bogue Chitto Association—Brethren R. E. Gatlin, W. J. Armstrong and S. T. Price as our messengers. W. C. Maxwell to write.

To the Fair River Association—Rrethren W. C. Maxwell, R. R. Turnage, J. D. Burkett and W. J. Armstrong as our messengers; Brother J. R. Carter to write.

To Magee's Creek Association—Brethren W. S. Brake-

field, J. S. Pope and Warren Willoughby as our messengers; Brother Warren Willoughby to write.

To the Strong River Association—Brethren M. L. Banks, Moses Stringer, D. A. Scarborough, W. C. Maxwell and G. W. Johnson as our messengers; R. J. Boone to write.

To the Pearl Leaf Association—Brethren J. M. Polk, J. R. Carter, R. R. Turnage, W. B. Russell, M. L. Banks, S. E. Bass, W. J. Armstrong, B. S. Watts, J. G. Fortinberry, W. D. Fortinberry, and Brother D. A. Scarborough to write.

The Committee on Preaching made the following partial report:

That Elder Thomas Price preach at the stand this evening; Elder W. H. Davis conduct prayer-meeting at 10 o'clock, A. M. on to-morrow; Brother F. D. Baars preach at 11 o'clock at the stand, and Elder W. H. Davis preach in the house at the same hour.

One hours intermission, when Brothers A. Taylor preach in the evening at the stand, and R. J. Boone in the house.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. COX, Chairman.

Adopted.

Committees were appointed as follows:

On Sunday-Schools—R. J. Boone and W. C. Maxwell.

On Temperance—Brethren B. A. Crawford and A. Taylor.

On Ministerial Education—Brethren J. R. Carter and M. A. Sheppard.

On Mississippi College—Brethren F. D. Baars and W. H. Davis.

On Missions—E. L. Reeves and T. R. Beard.

On Publications—Brethren J. M. Ritchey and D. A. Scarborough.

On Abstracts—B. S. Watts and Moses Stringer.

On motion, a letter of dismission was granted to Friendship Church at their request.

On motion, a vote was taken relative to the place of holding the next meeting of this Association, which resulted in the choice of New Hope Church, nine miles south of Columbia, Marion county, Miss., west of Pearl River.

On motion, it was agreed that the Association appoint committees on the same subjects that we now have, and that the same committees stand as appointed, and prepare reports to be read for adoption at the next meeting of this Association except the Committee on Abstracts.

On motion, adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Elder B. A. Crawford.

Benediction by Elder A. Taylor.

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SUNDAY SERVICES.

The Brethren preached respectively as appointed to large congregations.

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SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Monday Morning, 9 o'clock.

The Association met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Elder Thomas Price.

The Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

Brother F. D. Baars was received as Corresponding Messenger from the General Association.

Corresponding letters were read and adopted.

Reports were read, discussed and adopted as follows:

Report on Preaching.

That Elder J. M. Ritchey open the services this morning by singing and prayer, and Elder J. L. Chandler, preach at the stand at 11 A. M. One hours intermission, Elder B. A. Crawford preach, and Elder T. S. Powell close, and Elder J. R. Carter be appointed to preach the next Introductory sermon, and Bro. C. P. Sheppard, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. COX, Chairman.

Report on Ministerial Education.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education, beg leave to report the following:

That as it is every man's duty to qualify himself for the greatest usefulness, our ministry should employ all available means of instruction, studying to show themselves workmen approved of God; they will thereby be better prepared to guide the thought, and mould the character of the people; to develop the churches in grace and doctrine and to meet and explode the many heresies rife in the land. We recommend all young ministers to take a course in Mississippi College.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. CARTER,
M. A. SHEPPARD,
Committee.

Report on Sunday-Schools.

Your Committee on Sunday-schools beg leave to make the following report:

That the letters from all the churches show a growing interest in the Sunday-school work. Yet the work has not reached that degree of prominence its importance demands. Therefore we urge upon the churches to try to enlist their entire membership in this good work. Let parents and children study the word of God to prepare themselves for future usefulness leaving nothing undone they can do. Then they will be blessed of the Lord,

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. BOONE, Chairman.

Report on Publications.

We, your Committee on Publications, would submit the following:

That one great cause of our making such slow progress as a denomination, is because our people do not read enough. We can not lay too much stress upon circulating and reading good religious literature, and to this end we would recommend that we use Kind Words in our Sabbath-schools, printed at Atlanta, Georgia, and the BAPTIST RECORD as a paper worthy of the patronage of our people and would earnestly solicit every family to take and read it. We would also urge our people to take our missionary literature that they may be instructed as to what the Denomination is doing in this direction, also we would recommend the Southern Baptist as a good paper for our people to read.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. RITCHEY,

D. A. SCARBOROUGH,

Committee.

On Missions.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

That while we would not detract anything that may be done or said in behalf of Home Missions, yet we would that we had the power to show forth in its proper light, the grave charge that we are under, and the solemn duty that we owe to the heathen that are in distant lands. While we believe the mission to be the great instrumentality in the hand of God in evangelizing the entire world, and while there are many efforts that have been made, yet we, as an Association, have done very little this year in the support of missions. Brethren, it is a sad state of affairs for us to be in, and we have to confess that we are guilty, and feel condemned before God, knowing that we will have to give an account of our stewardship in the days to come. It seems as though we have hid the one talent that was given us, and not used it as the man did that had five and gained five more. While we have done so little, yet we realize that this is the grandest and most glorious work ever entrusted to

man, and in view of its prosecution and accomplishment your committee would recommend that each pastor in this Association keep the question of missions constantly before each of his respective churches until it awakens that interest, and begets that share of attention that it demands on account of its vast importance.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. REEVES,
T. R. BEARD,
Committee.

After the adoption of the report on missions, a collection was taken from the congregation amounting to fifteen dollars and ten cents.

Report on Temperance.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report the following:

Temperance means the temperate use of anything that contributes to the happiness, the prosperity of mankind. The use as well as the traffic of intoxicating drinks rather lessens than contributes to either of these, and therefore comes the so-called temperate use and sale is unquestionably wrong.

The liquor traffic only enriches and builds up a set of men of whom three-fourths are foreigners who care nothing for the education, the up-building of society nor the spread of the blessed Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ whom we love and serve.

The crime, the vice, the infidelity, the degradation of thousands of our promising young men are too well known to need notice here.

The traffic as it exists cannot be regulated. The present laws can not be enforced, and therefore your Committee recommend *Prohibition* as the only safe means for the future.

Prohibition will pave the way for a higher grade of society, a more general interest in education and for the salvation of thousands who are victims to strong drink.

We also recommend the following resolutions:

1*st*. *Resolved*, That every Christian should hold it as a duty to God, a duty to his own family, and a duty to the world at large, to use all fair and honest means to procure Prohibitory Laws.

2nd. Resolved, That we consider any member of any church within this Association who votes, and lends his influence in any way for the liquor traffic, is guilty of an unchristian act and ought to be brought under church censure.

3rd. Resolved, That we, as far as possible, lend our influence, send up our prayers, and if necessary, give of our means for the success of Prohibition and carry our country for God and Home and Native Land.

Respectfully submitted,

B. A. CRAWFORD,
A. TAYLOR,
Committee.

Report On Abstracts.

Your Committee on Abstracts report the following:

Antioch reports a healthy condition and some good work being done in the Sabbath-school.

Bethel reports peace, the church greatly revived.

Crooked Creek reports peace, the church revived, and asks an interest in our prayers

Columbia reports coldness without a pastor.

Ebenezer reports peace and harmony with an interesting Sunday-school.

Friendship reports peace and a good Sunday-school.

Hepzibah reports that they have been made to rejoice over the results of another year's labor, the church revived and a good Sunday-school.

Holly Springs reports a luke-warm condition and without a pastor.

Magee's Creek reports peace.

New Hope reports a great revival in which they were made to rejoice, and have a prosperous Sunday-school.

Pleasant Hill reports peace, prosperity and a fine Sunday-school.

Providence reports a decrease in number by death and otherwise, have a large and attentive congregation.

Cedar Grove reports a prosperous condition.

Silver Creek reports a harmonious year with some accessions.

Society Hill reports a cold state with divisions and two Sunday-schools.

Respectfully submitted,
B. S. WATTS,
M. STRINGER,
Committee.

Report on Mississippi College.

Your Committee would submit the following:

Our strength, as a denomination, is measured by the number, the size and the extent of the enterprises fostered.

Among all the objects supported by the Baptists of Mississippi, none are more important as a factor in building up and developing our strength as well as the good of the State at large. Mississippi College, the last session, was perhaps the most prosperous in its history. The attendance was large; the Faculty gave faithful and satisfactory service—all debts are paid, and the future is brighter than ever before. While this is encouraging we ought not to be satisfied by merely holding our own.

Then, with united efforts, with united prayers, let us enter upon the new Collegiate year, and carry onward and upward an Institution of which every Christian may justly feel thankful. At Mississippi College not merely the mind is trained, for that brings forth skepticism and infidelity, but the heart as well as the mind is instructed in all that is good, noble and manly, by a faculty of God-fearing and God-serving teachers.

Therefore it is an Institution well worthy of our patronage and our contributions, and our prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
F. D. BAARS,
W. H. DAVIS,
Committee.

Report on Collecting File of Minutes of This Association Since Its Organization.

We, your Committee continued from the last meeting of this Association, beg leave to report the following:

We have been able to collect only three of the missing numbers since our last meeting, leaving sixteen yet to be obtained, which are as follows, to-wit:

No's. 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40, 43, 46, 50, 52, 54 and 55. Any brother or sister or friend, that can furnish one or more of these numbers will please do so and forward the same to Z. T. Daughdrill, Oak Vale, Miss.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. T. DAUGHDRILL,
Chairman.

On motion, the committee appointed to collect file of minutes is hereby continued, to report at our next meeting.

Report on Finance.

Your Committee on Finance by leave to report the following:

That we have carefully examined the Treasurer's accounts, and find them correct and fully sustained by vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

T. R. BEARD, Chairman.

Miscellaneous.

Resolved, That we approve of the planof work adopted by the Convention Board, and agree to work in hearty co-operation with said Board, and earnestly request the respective churches composing this Association and brethren to come up to the full measure of their duty in said work.

On motion, it was ordered that the Treasurer of this body be authorized to turn over all monies now in his hands for missions to the Convention Board.

Resolved, That the Missionary Colportage conducted by the American Publication Society, which consists in carrying the gospel of Jesus to the homes of the poor, the destitute and the lost, is pre-eminently a missionary work, such as Jesus did when he went about doing good, and is worthy of the heartiest moral, and pecuniary support from all who love Christ.

Resolved, That this Association is under no further obligation to Elder J. G. Chastain for balance claimed by him as missionary.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Association superin-

tend the printing and distribution of these minutes, and that he be allowed fifteen dollars for his services, and he is hereby authorized to draw on the Treasurer of this Association for monies necessary to defray expenses.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and are hereby tendered to the members of Society Hill Church, and the friends of this community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Association.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the church at New Hope, Marion county, Mississippi, nine miles south of Columbia.

Prayer by Elder T. S. Powell.

Benediction by Brother M. A. Sheppard.

W. J. ARMSTRONG, Clerk. R. R. TURNAGE, Moderator.

Treasurer's Report.

J. D. BURKITT, Treasurer,

In acc't with PEARL RIVER BAPTIST ASSO'N.

1885.			
Sept. 12.	To amount on hand at this date.....		$159 85
" 14.	Cr. by amount paid J. G. Chastain for serviees rendered as missionary...		63 25
Oct. 22.	By amount paid W. J. Armstrong for printing and distributing of minutes..		60 10
1886.	By amount paid J. B. Gambrell for Missions.....		10 00
"	" " " R. R. Turnage as messenger.....		3 00
"	" paid M. A. Sheppard for Ministerial Education.....		3 55
Total.....			$139 90
1886.			
Sept. 11.	To balance on hand from last year, Associational fund.....	$19 95	
" "	To amount received for Associational purposes.....	54 65	
" "	received for State Missions...	4 85	
" "	" for Home Missions.....	1 75	
" "	" Ministerial Education.	1 00	
" "	" Foreign Missions.....	1 00	
Cash collection from congregation.....		15 10	
			$78 35
Sept. 13.	Total amount on hand.....		$98 30

J. D. BURKITT, Treasurer.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dismissed by letter.	Died.	Total.	Number of Minutes.	Repairing Churches.	Associational purposes.	Home Missions.	Paid visiting ministers.	P'd superanuated min'ts	Incidentals.	Ministerial Education.	Pastor's Salary.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday Schools.	Mississippi College.	Sunday-school purposes	Time of meeting	Ordained ministers.	Licentiates.	Church building.	Value Church property.
Antioch	32	15	7	1	1	3	91	50	...	$5 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bethel	19	1	...	1	...	1	98	40	...	4 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	$1 85	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	$3 00	...
Crooked Creek.	3	2	1	2	4	1	114	35	...	3 50	...	...	...	$ 300	...	$1500	1 00	$3 40	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Cedar Grove	...	4	...	...	...	1	49	20	...	2 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
Columbia	...	...	...	1	1	...	25	8	...	1 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
Ebenezer	...	...	...	2	3	3	104	30	...	4 00	...	$3 50	...	...	$5 50	125 00	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
Friendship	1	1	...	1	...	...	37	25	...	2 50	...	...	...	...	...	28 00	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hepzibah	7	..	1	1	...	...	86	20	...	2 50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Holly Springs.	1	...	...	...	2	...	106	25	...	2 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	$27500
Magee's Creek.	6	...	...	...	4	1	81	25	...	3 15	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Hope	21	1	5	...	5	...	141	35	...	4 00	$3 00	...	...	1 05	...	...	15 25	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...
Pleasant Hill	2	2	1	1	12	3	112	50	...	5 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Providence	1	2	...	1	13	3	142	50	...	5 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Silver Creek	2	9	1	...	10	2	130	40	...	5 00	...	20 00	...	3 00	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
Society Hill	1	4	1	7	1	...	232	60	...	6 00	1 00	...	...	...	1 00	...	4 85	...	2	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
	96	41	17	18	56	18	1548	573		$54 65	$4 75	$23 50		$7 05	$6 50	$303	$22 95	$4 40	8				2	2	$300	$27500

STATISTICAL TABLE.

POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	DELEGATES.
Columbia	Marion	John Fortinberry and H B Pope
Monticello	Lawrence	Josiah Miller, T J Andrews and W C Maxwell
Hooker	Lawrence	J H Johnson, D A Scarborough and M Stringer
Columbia	Marion	J W Pittman, James Pope and W Willoughby.
Columbia	Marion	J W Hollomon, M L Banks and Richard Moss
Carley	Marion	J R Carter, Wm Clark and S E Bass
Summit	Pike	Wm B Gatlin and R E Gatlin
Bournham	Lawrence	A E Jones, W J Carter and J M Polk
Sartinville	Pike	John Cooper, Anderson Beard and W B Russell
Sartinville	Pike	E L Reeves, W V Jones and T R Beard
Buford	Marion	R R Turnage, E J Pittman and M A Sheppard
Bogue Chitto	Lincoln	J F Greer and J M Busby
Sartinville	Pike	Thos Alexander
Monticello	Lawrence	J D Burkett, W D Fortinberry and W J Armstrong
Oakvale	Lawrence	B S Watts, W J Fortinberry, H P Williamson, J G Fortinberry, H P Nelson

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